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TOBACCO PRODUCTION UP SLIGHTLY AND WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Based on July 1 conditions, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** 2007 production of tobacco is expected to be up and wheat is expected to be down from 2006, according to the USDA NASS, South Carolina Field Office.

This year's **WHEAT** production is estimated at 3.78 million bushels - down 39 percent from last year. The acreage harvested for grain, at 135,000, is 12,000 acres above a year ago. This year's expected average yield of 28 bushels per acre is down 2 bushels from the June 1 forecast and 22 bushels below the 2006 yield. This is the State's lowest wheat yield since 1986.

The first **TOBACCO** forecast of the season places 2007 production at 48.4 million pounds - up less than 1 percent from last year. Harvested acres, at 22,000, are down 1,000 acres from last year. The July 1 yield forecast at 2,200 pounds per acre is up 100 pounds from a year ago.

UNITED STATES 2007 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Wheat, Winter	1.56	Bil. Bu.	120%
Oats	100.9	Mil. Bu.	108%
Tobacco, Flue Cured	476.3	Mil. Lbs.	107%